

ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



REPORT

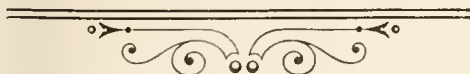
OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(R. B. ESKRIGGE, M.R.C.S.),

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1900.




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REPORT FOR 1900.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

The last year of the Century in Royston has not been a very bright one.

Not only has the death rate been greater than the previous year, but Measles, Scarletina, Mumps, Hooping Cough, Influenza, and Typhoid have been present, causing considerable inconvenience to the work of the Schools. It will, no doubt, be within recollection that during the Christmas holidays of January, 1900, that Measles were prevalent in an epidemic form. So many were the cases that on my recommendation the Schools remained closed till February 12th. At the same time several cases of Scarletina broke out, but to these being promptly removed to the Kendray Fever Hospital, Barnsley, and the houses being fumigated and disinfected, no doubt prevented further spread of the complaint. Influenza, Bronchitis, and Pneumonia were also very prevalent during the first four months of the year.

During May and June the village was visited by an epidemic of Mumps.

In August, Hooping Cough broke out in an epidemic form of such severity that the Council deemed it advisable on the advice of the M. O. H. to defer opening the Schools for six weeks.

There were also two cases of Typhoid (removed to Hospital) one occurred in the Spring, the other in the Autumn.

Having given you a summary of the sickness of the year, the blame may, I believe be laid down to the weather, which has been most unseasonable and unhealthy.

TABLE OF DEATHS AND BIRTHS, 1900.

		DEATHS.						BIRTHS.				
		Males.		Females.				Males.		Females.		
January	12	...	8		4	...	23	...	11	...	12
February...	...	8	...	4		4	...	9	...	3	...	6
March	5	...	2		3	...	5	...	1	...	4
April	12	...	10		2	...	21	...	10	...	11
May	5	...	3		2	...	21	...	9	...	12
June	9	...	5		4	...	17	...	11	...	6
July	10	...	6		4	...	17	...	9	...	8
August	4	...	3		1	...	10	...	5	...	5
September	...	8	...	4		4	...	16	...	10	...	6
October	13	...	5		8	...	14	...	9	...	5
November	...	5	...	3		2	...	13	...	6	...	7
December	...	8	...	4		4	...	12	...	4	...	8
		99		57		42		178		88		90

TABLE OF CAUSES OF DEATH AND MONTH.

		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Bronchitis, Acute ...	...	4	3		1	1	1	2		1			3
" Chronic ...	...	3	1										
Measles ...	...	4											
Convulsions ...	...	1	2		2		1			1	2	1	1
Heart Disease ...	...		2			2	2	1	1		1	1	
Pneumonia ...	...			2	6			1			3		1
Apoplexy ...	...			1			1						1
Chronic Gastric Catarrh ...	...			1									
Influenza ...	...			1									
Caries of Spine ...	...				2								
Blood Poisoning ...	...				1								
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	...					1							
Fractured Spine ...	...					1							
Meningitis ...	...						1					1	
Phthisis ...	...						1						
1 - Pynauche Maligna...	...						1						
Carbuncle ...	...						1						
Tabes Mesenterica...	...							1			1		1
Croup ...	...							1					
Premature Labour ...	...							3		1	1	1	1
Acute Rheumatism ...	...							1					
Diarrhœa ...	...								2		1		
Found Drowned ...	...								1				
2 - Parcoura of Kidneys ...	...									1			
Icterus ...	...									1			
Pertussis ...	...									3	4		
Cancer of Breast ...	...											1	
Total ...	99	12	8	5	12	5	9	10	4	8	13	5	8

1 Cynauche.

2 Sarcoma.

There were five Coroner's Inquests among the Deaths and 5 Illegitimate among the Births.

TABLE OF DEATHS.

1898	...	...	69
1899	...	...	54
1900	...	...	99

TABLE OF BIRTHS.

1898	...	...	183
1899	...	...	177
1900	...	...	178

TABLE OF DEATHS GIVING MONTHS AND AGES.

	Under 1 year.	1—5	5—15	15—25	25—65	65 and upwards
January	6	3				3
February	3	2			3	
March	1		1	1	2	
April	3		1	3	4	1
May	3				2	
June	2			2	4	1
July	4	2	2		1	1
August	1	1			1	1
September	3	4			1	
October	8	4				1
November	1	1	2		1	
December	5	2				1
Total ... 99	40	19	6	6	19	9

The Water ^{supply} has been good, stoppages having been few. The houses built during the year has tended to lessen overcrowding.

The Sewerage Disposal Works Nos. 1 and 2 have been much improved by the further addition of settling tanks and filtering beds, though the condition of the beck leaves much room for improvement.

The Scavenging is still open to improvement ; a little more regularity as to time for operations would be beneficial.

The usual systematic house-to-house inspection has been made, and the results have been reported to you at the Monthly Meetings.

A dozen Nuisances have been reported and abated during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. B. ESKRIGGE, M.R.C.S.

Medical Officer of Health.

Royston,

Jan. 31st, 1901.



